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The Stars of East County

Car gal crowned Queen of the Rodeo

by Joe Naiman

Miss Rodeo Lakeside 1998 Rachel Roman may work with cars, but her heart is in the saddle. Photo by Joe Naiman

As a child, Rachel Roman attended the Lakeside Rodeo and wanted to be a rodeo queen. At the age of 22, her dream was fulfilled with her selection as Miss Rodeo Lakeside 1998 Saturday night.

"I'm very surprised," said Roman, who works as an office assistant at McKee's Auto Registration. "I'm very happy, though."

The Granite Hills High School graduate first attended the equine business program at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont., then returned to study business at Grossmont College.

Roman hopes to put her business major to use by owning her own horse facility.

The 1998 Miss Rodeo Lakeside Pageant was the first pageant Roman had ever entered. The pageant judges gave her high marks on appearance, horsemanship and a personal interview.

"Maybe I was friendly or something," she said. "I was surprised."

If the schedule of April Papalio, Miss Rodeo Lakeside 1997, is any indication, Roman can expect more than 150 appearances as Miss Rodeo Lakeside.

Because the crown came as a surprise to Roman, she hadn't set any goals for her year as Miss Rodeo Lakeside.

"I don't have too many, because I wasn't expecting it," she said. "I just want to do the best I can in representing the rodeo and the El Capitan Stadium Association."

In addition to her older sister, now 25, Rachel has a 19-year-old sister. The family lives in Alpine.

Supervisors to consider trigger lock ordinance

by E. A. Barrera

A new ordinance requiring the sale of a trigger locking device with any gun purchase in the city of San Diego has become a shot heard around the county as the supervisors and city councils are being asked to do the same.

Second Amendment purists and gun dealers in the unincorporated areas of the county may find themselves up in arms when the Board of Supervisors begins to discuss the ordinance on Tuesday.

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> ***– Supervisor Dianne Jacob***

Supervisor Dianne Jacob has indicated that she might seriously consider a trigger lock law at the county level.

"If it could save one life and a workable program could be developed, I would be in favor of such an ordinance," Jacob said yesterday.

Safety has been the buzzword for groups ranging from health care industry officials to public education leaders to gun control advocates in praising the decision by Mayor Susan Golding and the San Diego City Council to require the sale of trigger locks for all guns sold in their city.

Dr. Richard Stennes, medical director of the Emergency Department at Scripps Hospital East County, supports the trigger lock law and hopes other jurisdictions will follow San Diego's lead.

"It's similar to the helmet law for motorcycles or the seat belt law in cars," Stennes said. "A trigger lock does not interfere in the right of a person to own a fire arm. It's merely a safety precaution that hopefully will save lives."

Ironically, safety is also the stated concern of those who make their living by selling guns.

Ron Godwin, manager of the El Cajon Gun Exchange, described the trigger lock law as a cosmetic effort by liberals to foil a right guaranteed by the Constitution.

A man who enjoys engaging the subject of gun ownership and the politics of gun control, Godwin claimed the primary reason for the passage of this ordinance is political.

"Susan Golding started this when she was still planning to run against Boxer," Godwin said with disgust. "She and the other RINOs (which Godwin explained stood for 'Republicans in Name Only') felt they needed to show they were doing something about gun violence."

Godwin said that the trigger locks, ranging from $12 to more than $40, are generally made of rubber or plastic, and a good hammer will knock them off easily. He demonstrated that a rubber trigger lock can be bent back while still attached to the gun and, with the use of a pen wedged in front of the trigger, the weapon could fire.

Not all gun dealers fall behind Godwin's line. Nick Georggin, a 40-year member of the National Rifle Association, favors trigger locks.

Georggin owns Hiram's Guns and Spirits in El Cajon and said the trigger lock law is a good idea.

"I'd rather see them locked than unlocked if there are kids in the house," said Georggin. "I think it will spread to El Cajon. What's good for San Diego is

Spring Fest to focus on health, careers

Cuyamaca College's Spring Fest '98, to be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week, will give area residents information on health issues, as well as opportunities to meet local employers on the Main Quad.

Spring Fest will commence on Wednesday with the 4th annual Cuyamaca College Career Fair from 9 a.m. to noon. More than 50 employers will be on campus to talk about employment in their industries.

Many companies will be interviewing and hiring on the spot, include United Parcel Service, Union Bank, YMCA, Macy's, Century 21, the California Department of Forestry, military, local law enforcement agencies and city governments.

Wednesday's "Earth Day," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will assist jobseekers interested in environmental issues and careers. This free event will offer information on the industry, the growing specialty fields and promising career opportunities.

Cuyamaca offers certificate and associate degree programs for students preparing for careers in environmental technology with an emphasis on hazardous materials/waste management and occupational health and safety.

New at the Career Fair this year will be information on the college's "Gender Equity Program," from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Employers and alumni in non-traditional careers will be on hand to answer questions for women looking for jobs in golf/sports turf management, environmental technology and automotive technology.

Men can find help when entering paralegal and child development professions.

On Thursday, more than 50 professionals from the world of health and wellness will participate in Cuyamaca's 8th annual health fair.

Physicians, nurses, fitness experts, alternative therapy consultants, medical care specialists and health educators, managers and advisers will be on campus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Attendees of the health fair in the quad can learn to be knowledgeable health care consumers by asking the experts. The public is invited to have blood pressure, blood glucose, hearing and vision screenings; receive a spinal review; a podiatry check or request a foot or body massage.

Another component of the health fair will be displays and information on Safe and Healthy Workplace issues. For example, county environmental officials will be on hand to discuss safety issues such as how storm water run off affects drinking water.

Visitors to campus Thursday can view objects of art created by members of AIDS Art Alive.

For more information, call 660-4437.

Friends of the Library to hold book sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. Donated used books and magazines will be displayed at prices of 10 cents for magazines, 25 cents for paperbacks and 50 cents for hardbound books. There will be a few special books or sets of books at somewhat higher prices.

Especially welcome donations, are children's books, cookbooks, recent fiction of all kinds. Western and sci-fi are popular, as well as crafts, computer lore, books in Spanish, sports and how-to's. Book sale patrons have broad interests.

These sales are presented bimonthly by the Friends. Funds raised go to the support of the library and its programs.

The library is located in the little strip mall across Broadway from St. John of the Cross Catholic Church and is closed on Sunday and Monday. Hours vary on the other days. Call the library at 463-9819 for hours on a specific day.

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Community Notes

Parks & Recreation sponsors piano workshop

The Lemon Grove Parks and Recreation Department is offering a three-hour workshop from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Lemon Grove Community Center, 3146 School Ln.

Students will learn to accompany sing-alongs and even play solos using the internationally acclaimed Laughlin Method, instructed by John Davis of San Diego's American Music School. The cost is $45, which includes all materials. For registration information, call the Lemon Grove Parks and Recreation Department office at 668-4575.

Historical Society to meet at parsonage

The Lemon Grove Historical Society will meet in its museum-in-progress, the Parsonage, at 1:30 p.m. on April 2. The century-old building is located at 7715 Church St. Subsequent meetings will be held in the Lemon Grove Library until further notice.

Members will tour the building, see the work achieved to date and hear a report on upcoming renovations. Members are requested to bring family photographs and memories of any activities relating to the Parsonage and its property.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call 462-6494.

Free HIV legal clinic scheduled

The San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program is offering a free legal clinic to HIV-positive individuals who meet certain income level requirements. The clinic will take place from 3 - 5 p.m. on April 2 at the East County Community Health Services Center, 855 East Madison Ave., in El Cajon.

Legal advice or services are provided through the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program's AIDS Law Team. Individuals receiving legal advice or services must be HIV-positive and provide proof of such medical condition at the clinic, have income equal to or less than 125 percent of the poverty level as defined by California Law and provide proof of such income level at the clinic and have assets equal to or less than five thousand dollars in value excluding the residence in which such individuals live. For further information call the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program at 235-5656 ext. 105 or 106.

Hospice training to begin

Compassionate, caring volunteers are needed by the Hospice of Grossmont Hospital and Hospice of Sharp HealthCare to work with terminally ill people. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout East County for English-speaking or bilingual people interested in being able to touch someone's life at a critical stage.

The next 5 1/2-week training session is scheduled to begin April 2. Volunteers work with one patient at a time and are asked to give at least a one-year commitment of four hours weekly. For more information or to register for the training, call Heidi Scott at 667-1900.

Sheriff's Log

March 5, 1998
8000 blk. Broadway. Auto theft.

March 6, 1998
Ensenada. Auto theft. $5,000 value.

March 8-9, 1998
3200 blk. College Pl. Grand theft. $800 value.
2100 blk. Camino De Palma. Vehicle burglary. $1,620 value.

March 10, 1998
1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Petty theft. $6 value.
2300 blk. Ravenwood Dr. Residential burglary. $13,786 value.
7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. $100 value.
8200 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Residential burglary. Value unknown.

March 12, 1998
7000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. $305 value.

March 12-13, 1998
6800 blk. Central Ave. Vehicle burglary.

March 12-13, 1998
7900 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. $12 value.
3300 blk. Main St. Petty theft. Value $12.

WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

		High	Low
March	16	65	29
March	17	65	52
March	18	70	57
March	19	75	52
March	20	--	--
March	20	74	53
March	20	82	29

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B Words

by Bob Burns

District Elections

I have always felt that our little town is too small to be divided up into districts. But maybe not so. There has always been an undercurrent of opinion that our residents are not being heard by its representatives. The business community, the area south and west of Lemon Grove Ave. The northeast business and residences, and the northwest which is mostly business. All have different needs, desire, and wish to be properly have a voice.

When one compares our little town to the neighbor to the west, and even El Cajon or La Mesa, which are much larger, we would most likely not even amount to one of their "districts." But does size matter that much? Even in our small community, there are various differences to be addressed. If we divided the city into quarters with a councilperson representing each, how would it be? Let's say Lemon Grove Avenue, north and south, and San Miguel/Palm, east and west. We have mostly schools in one, business in another and residential in the other two. Pretty diverse, eh?

Quite possibly, a councilperson would serve his area better if he or she had only their issue to promote. It would give a better view to each of the different looks, and make a fairer representation in the overall scheme of government.

I guess that I have been entrenched in the idea that what we did in the old days was the best. While I would not retreat from that, I do know that new ideas must be considered, and this may be one.

You must excuse me. I think that the only real way to milk a cow is by hand. I think that math should be a basic memory of the times tables, and not dependent on the battery of a calculator. But I am in awe of the computer and do recognize that progress has outstripped me.

In Lemon Grove, we have a divergence of opinion as to what our future will bring. We have visionaries and pragmatists. We have game players with semantics and statistics. The dreamers must be monitored by the accountants, and the specious debaters must be countered by factual reason.

No matter who is elected or who sits in judgement of our problems in Lemon Grove, the people of our community are the ones that should be satisfied and addressed. Our elected officials are just neighbors like ourselves. They make decisions of good conscience, and hopefully for the good of the majority. They, we, have been without the input that assists them in good, rational decisions. They need it "before the fact," not after. We have an election coming up. Listen to the candidates, and VOTE ...

Lemon Grove Fire Log

March 10, 1998
7300 blk. Waite Dr. Fall.
7800 blk. Sanford Dr. Abdominal pains.
7900 blk. Golden Ave. Chest pains.
3200 blk. Olive St. Abdominal pains.
Kempf St./Broadway Ave. Public service.
Broadway Ave./Columbus Pl. Person down.
Lincoln Pl./Zemco Dr. Illegal burn.
100 blk. E. Lexington Ave. Move up.
300 blk. Millar Ave. Abdominal pains.

March 11, 1998
6700 blk. Hibiscus Dr. Ringing alarms residential.
7000 blk. San Miguel Ave. Medical aid.
7700 blk. Danielle Dr. Smoke check.
Hughes St./Taft St. Illegal burn.
3400 blk. Main St. Passing out.

March 12, 1998
3200 blk. College Pl. Fall.
Helix St./Lamar St. Odor of natural gas residential.
Grove St./Broadway Ave. Traffic accident.
1700 blk. Denstone Pl. Chest pains.
7100 blk. Broadway Ave. Ringing alarms commercial.
8900 blk. Cottonwood Ave. Move up.
7200 blk. Broadway Ave. Head injury.

March 13, 1998
6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Traffic accident.
3300 blk. Fairway Dr. Residential structure fire.
3600 blk. King St. Difficulty breathing.

March 14, 1998
College Ave./Federal Blvd. Vehicle accident.
2200 blk. Bonita St. Back pains.

March 15, 1998
2700 blk. Glebe Rd. Possible stroke.
Grove Ct./Lemon Grove Way. Traffic accident.
Grove Ct./Lemon Grove Way. Vehicle accident.
4500 blk. Maple Ave. Residential structure fire.
3600 blk. Grove St. Possible Heart.
1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Person down.
3200 blk. College Pl. Fall.

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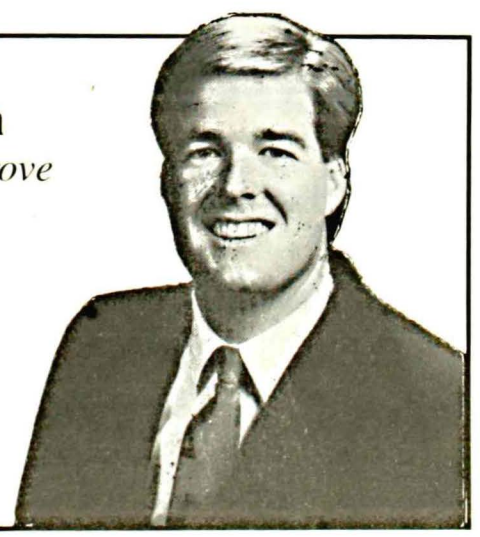


••You saw it first in the Review••

Commentary

All that money can buy

by Paul Treske

What is it that gives the American ultra-rich the idea that, sans experience, they can buy their way into high political office? We're not talking here about some local city council or an occasional small town mayoral position. We're talking about US Senator and Governor of our most populous state.

Fairly distant history suggests that, more than not, such money spending efforts have failed, although the Rockefellers appear to have been an exception. Most politically minded individuals have understood that even with all the money in the world, one needs, á la John Kennedy, to get a little lower level experience first.

But the rules have changed now and two factors of current political life have led to many of the money-eyed set going for the brass ring their first time out. First, we have that monster, TV. Only money can buy TV time and those with unlimited funds can saturate the airwaves with their pictures and propaganda and bring about instant name and face recognition. Enough of the right advertising and the public feels like they know and can trust you.

Secondly, we are in an era of well-deserved mistrust of the "professional" politician. Shiny-faced newcomers with gaudy promises and skillful negative campaigns can frequently look awfully good to the voter compared to the battle-scarred political veteran who incumbency has forced to repeatedly vote on painfully difficult and controversial issues.

And so, here in California, we have a trio of bright new and rich faces pleading daily for our votes on TV. Of course, we had one of those several years ago named Michael Huffington. An unknown one-term congressman with unlimited money and a clever wife, he came within inches of winning a Senate seat. He did it all with negative TV ads and only at the very end, when forced to face the press directly, did we discover how hollow a man he really was.

Now, we have Al Checchi, Jane Harman and Darrell Issa flooding our collective consciousness through the TV set, with none of them having anywhere near the kind of experience needed for the job they seek. True, Harman, who seeks the governorship, had three terms in Congress, but boasts of no real executive resume. Checchi, who also wants the top position in Sacramento, and Issa, who seeks Barbara Boxer's Senate seat, are brand spanking newcomers, multi-millionaire businessmen who have apparently decided that the time is right. All are buoyed by prospective opponents they feel are ultra-vulnerable. Both Dan Lundgren and Gray Davis are tired, dull figures who seem ripe for ouster from Sacramento, while Boxer has been liberal enough for the highly conservative Issa to approach in mouth-watering glee.

At the moment, we know nothing about any of them except a few general political beliefs and the fact that all are cash-loaded. Still facing the primaries, none have yet turned negative, but should they win round one, don't expect them to remain positive for long. Also, get used to their faces because they will haunt your waking moments and dreams between now and November as they seek the brass ring that, apparently, only money can buy.

As for me, I prefer my candidates to have a little on-the-job experience before I help put them into a position of influence. But then again, I'm one of those few who doesn't yet see "professional politician" as a dirty phrase.

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

cultural icons

East County doesn't have a Poet Laureate. What does that say about us? We have a court jester or two, a couple of pretenders to the throne, and several holier-than-thou high priests, but not one poet laureate. Not even part time. Fops to spare; poets nowhere. I wonder what other important cultural icons we are missing out on here in East County.

Well, a lot of places have mascots. Figures that bring to mind the essence of the place. See a dolphin, think of Florida. A lumberjack, the great northwest. A Cowboy wearing a ten gallon hat and Texas flashes across your internal screen. East County? Zilch. We need a mascot. What do you say?

I also discovered that we in East County don't have a Designated Hitter. How in the world can we ever expect to be first class without a Designated Hitter? No successful enterprise makes it if it is missing a Designated Hitter. A Designated Hitter should be a matter of high priority for our county leaders.

As hard as I looked, I also couldn't find East County's Scrub Nurse. Nobody survives the trauma of modern life without benefit of a Scrub Nurse. Sometimes East County barely pulls through because there's no Scrub Nurse around to administer just the right treatment when we need it. Can we continue taking that chance? Have we not learned anything from all those hours spent in front of the TV?

Another thing East County lacks is a Personal Shopper. I've tried to locate one, but there just doesn't seem to be any spare Personal Shoppers around. If one does exist somewhere here in East County, the fact is being well hidden from most of us. Without a Personal Shopper, how, oh how can we show ourselves to the rest of the county without looking shabby and ill advised?

The list could go on and on, but I won't torture you any more than I already have. Suffice to say, we don't have a County Franchise, no sandwich named for East County, nor a song about leaving some portion of our anatomy here. We can't even sing about what a toddling county we are or how if people make it here they can make ... well, you know. And how can we possibly exist as a truly vibrant, physically appealing county without a personal trainer? Richard Simmons might be a bit much, but we need someone leading us in our East County jumping jacks. Something needs to be done! Now!

I think we start by designating someone as East County's own Poet Laureate. There has to be someone in our county who can rhyme good. I don't think East County is ready for too much of that free verse stuff so a real rhymer is important. It almost goes without my saying, but for us to assume the mantle of respectability, we've got to have our own Poet Laureate.

We might be able to get by a little longer without a Designated Jotter. But I suspect that it isn't helping our business climate very much. Deal with East County when there isn't a Designated Jotter in place? I can hear portfolios and business proposals slamming shut all over the rest of the county.

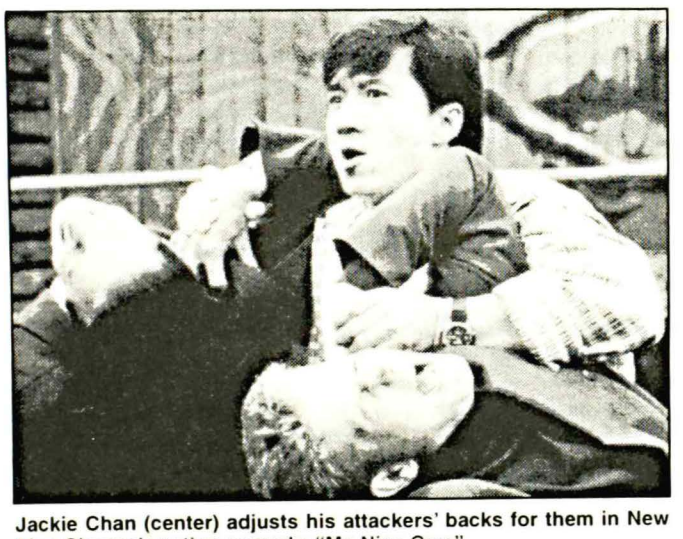
Getting our own Scrub Nurse as soon as possible is critical. Should East County start hemorrhaging-there are some tricky operations going on right now-who would be there to stop the bleeding and apply a tourniquet? Dr. Madrid? Chief Surgeon Shoemaker? How about Orthopedic Specialist Dale or Cardiac Internist Sessom? I don't think so. We need a Scrub Nurse. Like two weeks ago!

We have a lot to do here in East County to get where we need to be. I know we have potential mascots (just look around) and trainers in training (check out those physical fitness centers) in our midst. Let's get them doing their thing. We can also probably find a left-over personal shopper over at Nordstroms. As to a song, I think we have to bring in someone from Tin Pan Alley. Whatever we're going to do, though, let's get doing it, doing it, doing it. Times can be hard when you ain't got no bard.

Reel Thoughts

Chan bests Bacon, Travolta in 'Nice Guy'

by Betty Jo Tucker



Jackie Chan (center) adjusts his attackers' backs for them in New Line Cinema's action-comedy, "Mr. Nice Guy."

Movies starring three of my favorite actors — Kevin Bacon, John Travolta, and Jackie Chan — opened locally last week. Bacon reveals more of his physical self than ever before in the erotic thriller, "Wild Things;" Travolta transforms himself into an imitation of President Clinton in "Primary Colors;" and Chan makes all the right moves in "Mr. Nice Guy." Of the three performances, Bacon's is the least charismatic. His unsympathetic police detective role in a tale of fraud, rape, and murder fails to match his usual super work in such films as "The River Wild" and "Murder in the First." The inferior quality of this disappointing film no doubt rubbed off on Bacon. "Wild Things," from Columbia Pictures/Mandalay Entertainment, emerges as another unintentionally funny film (like "Dangerous Beauty") that causes audiences to guffaw during supposedly steamy sex scenes.

While sex scenes are missing in "Primary Colors," Travolta exudes plenty of sex appeal as a popular governor whose presidential campaign almost derails because of the candidate's womanizing ways. Although a fairly entertaining film, this Universal Pictures version of the 1996 best seller would have been better if Travolta had worked harder at acting his part, rather than on getting Clinton's voice and mannerisms down pat. The always terrific Emma Thompson plays the candidate's wife with more convincing emotion. To her credit, she does not try to imitate Mrs. Clinton. Will "Primary Colors" hurt Bill Clinton? Probably not. It's tame compared to today's headlines.

Will "Mr. Nice Guy" hurt Jackie Chan? Definitely not! Playing a television chef who gets involved accidentally with Australian drug dealers, Chan clowns and kicks his way again into the hearts of American moviegoers. "Mr. Nice Guy," from New Line Cinema, may be short on plot, but it is filled with exciting stunts and other visual delights. In one brilliantly choreographed sequence, Chan eludes his pursuers through a labyrinth of blue doors. In another thrilling scene, he just misses a buzzsaw fate worse than death. In still another, he escapes by hanging onto a gigantic Godzilla balloon. It's all great cinematic fun for the whole family!

So, there's no contest. Jackie Chan gets my vote as the best leading man of the week. Eat your hearts out, Kevin Bacon and John Travolta.

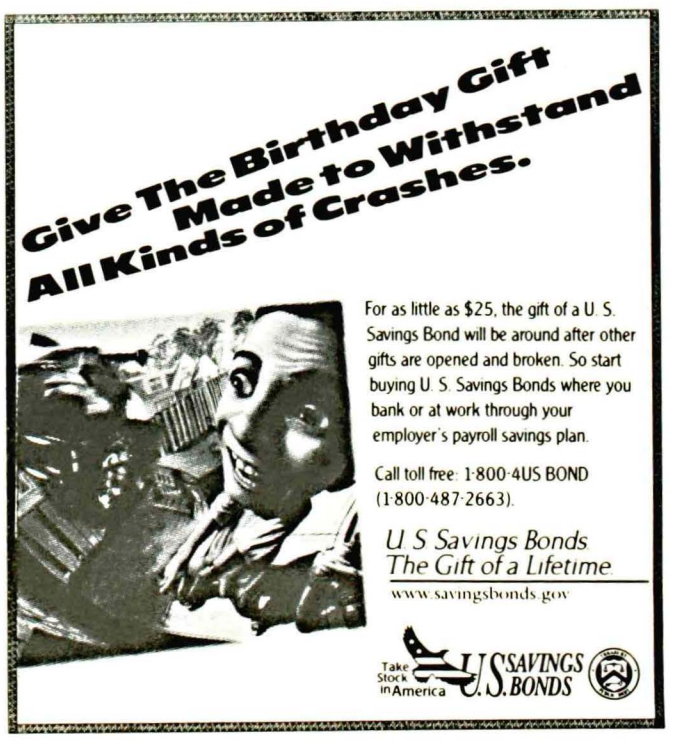
Letter to the Editor

Let your cats stretch

In reference to Mr. Giannangeli on "Stretching" [March 12 issue]: Perhaps he should bounce back and do more articles about his cats. I loved his articles on cats — the rest is mostly over my head. And who could wish for more than a flea-less cat?

So, Mr. G., how about it? Stretch on something else — I like your articles about your cats!

W.A. MAHAN
Lemon Grove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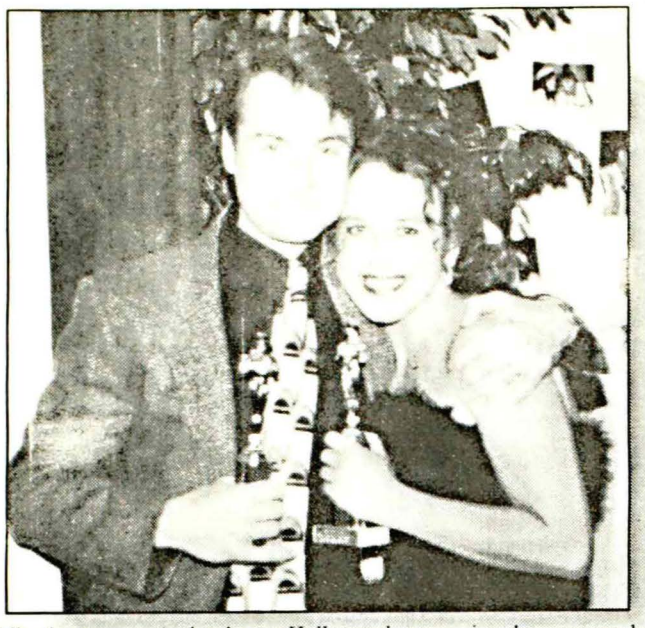
Easties bring out the East County stars

Story by Greg Eichelberger ☆ Photos by Greg Eichelberger & Joe Naiman

The Oscars may have had a 70-year jump on them, but the inaugural "Easties" handed out this past Sunday evening in Lakeside certainly had as much glitter, glitz and excitement as the first Academy Award ceremony held in 1929.

Nearly 100 performers, directors, spectators, critics and local powerbrokers (everyone but Leonardo DiCaprio, in fact) gathered at the Octad Playhouse (formerly the Lakeside Theater) to celebrate the best of what this area has to offer in the way of live stage work.

The "Titanic" evening was hosted by veteran KOGO news anchor Forum Publications reporter Ninette Sosa and novice comedian and publisher, Steven Saint, while incidental music was provided by local threesome, Jody & Company.



Nancy Erricson contemplates the true meaning of the Eastie clutched in her hand for Best Supporting Actress in "Father of the Bride."

And as in any Hollywood-type affair, the patrons didn't have to go "Good Will Hunting" to enjoy themselves. Many were decked out in formal dresses and tuxedos befitting the splendor of the affair.

There was also plenty of food, soda, champagne and coffee (in this case provided by the playhouse's neighbor, Sherry Golden of the Golden Goose cafe) for the masses to stuff themselves "Full, Monty," before the show began.

Originally conceived as just a listing to give more recognition to actors, actresses and productions in the East County, the Easties took on a larger life as a local counterpoint to the overly-hyped Academy Awards.

Theater reviewers submitted nominations, which were presented as a ballot for readers in the March issues of Forum Publications' six community papers.

The Eastie mascot, an Oscar-looking fellow with a blindfold, became the bold symbol for people ignoring the mass-market Hollywood scene for talent right here at home.

The fact that Andy Boutelle (left) was a little too young to play father to Layla Stuckey's bride didn't stop them from snagging Easties for Best Actor and Best Actress in a Comedy. Meanwhile, Ninette Sosa (right) gave Jennifer Lopez a run for her money as mistress of ceremonies.

It was a big night for comedy as the Lamplighter Community Theater production of "Father of the Bride" swept Best Actor in a Comedy (Andy Boutelle), Best Actress in a Comedy (Layla Stuckey) and Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy (Nancy Erricson).

"Father of the Bride" also won Best Production, an honor voted on by the audience prior to the show.

Pat Hansen's rendering of Daisy in "Driving Miss Daisy" also earned Lamplighters the Best Actress in a Drama trophy.

"I am as proud as punch that 'Father' had such an impact tonight," beamed Ginger Harris, the president of the Lamplighters' troupe, headquartered in La Mesa. "I feel we've done some quality work in the past and this just proves how our efforts have been accepted by the people who voted."

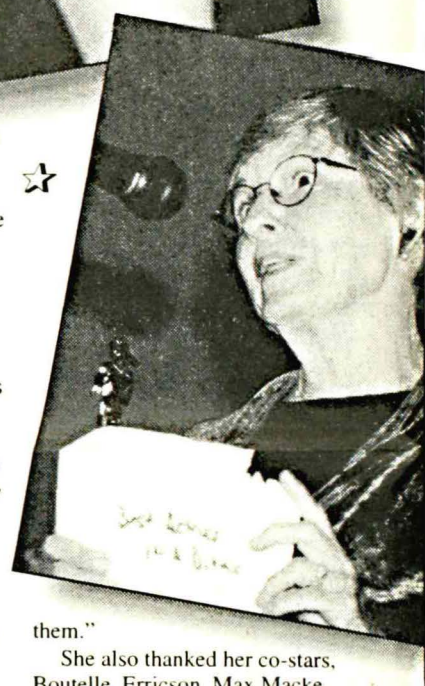
Those same sentiments were echoed by Boutelle, who, in his first East County play, won over such stiff veteran competition as Jeffrey Jones ("Picnic") and Joseph Zilvinskis ("My Three Angels").

"I've worked at the North Coastal rep, the Bowery and in New York, but I've seen a more dedicated group of people than these folks," Boutelle said. "I was very proud of the cast, as well as (director) Marsha Bernstein."

When asked if he was going to display his award (all provided by Leisure Pro Awards of Lemon Grove), he said, without hesitation, "It's going to work with me tomorrow, and then it's going to be put in a prominent place in my home."

Stuckey, whose role as Kay Bates, the bride in the production, was on cloud nine.

"I'm ecstatic over this," gushed the Grossmont College student and Mount Miguel graduate. "It took so many people to make this play come out right that I can't begin to thank all of them."



She also thanked her co-stars, Boutelle, Erricson, Max Macke and Greg Muskewitz, as well as director Bernstein for her successful Lamplighters' debut.

Stuckey will play the lead in Octad-One's "Bus Stop," which opens next month.

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Octad had a few representatives in the winner's circle. CCT, nominated heavily in the musical categories, claimed two awards with Donald Pugh ("Annie") taking Best Actor and Amy Cook ("42nd Street," "South Pacific") winning Best Actress. Cook is currently touring with the national company of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Pat Hansen (left) waxes automotive upon receiving the Best Actress in a Drama Eastie for "Driving Miss Daisy." Music for the program was provided by Jody (above) and Company.

Paul Russell (co-founder of CCT) was nominated for Best Actor for his work in "South Pacific," but grabbed the Best Director Eastie as voted by the acting nominees just prior to the show. Russell has directed projects such as "Annie" and "Godspell."

Octad-One, meanwhile, grabbed the brass ring twice as Jeffrey Jones won Best Actor in a Drama for his riveting performance as the Irish psychopathic killer in "Night Must Fall," and Danny Campbell was named Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy for his Don Pedro in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

Unfortunately, neither man was present to thank the voters.

"I think giving East County this kind of recognition is the best idea to come along in years," CCT's Russell said the day following the awards, unable to attend ceremony due to a CCT kick-off dinner. "I think our performers and production staffs are just as qualified and talented as anyone's in San Diego or anywhere, for that matter. It's nice to see a special night set aside to reward those efforts."

And even though there were a few glitches, the overall feeling was that the evening was quite a success and will most certainly set the stage for bigger and better things to come.

In fact, most walked away believing this was definitely "As Good As It Gets," as far as local talent is concerned.

THE BRIGHTER VIEW

Who loves ya, East County?

by Steven Saint

If you picked up a Tuesday edition of the *Daily Californian*, you would find no coverage of the Easties, a grassroots tribute to local live theater. If you glanced over the *Union-Tribune*'s "East County" section, the closest thing to a local angle on the Hollywood hype was a story on a lavish Oscar party in Chula Vista.

None of the local TV stations covered the event, even though they received no less than three faxes, complete with directions to Lakeside. Two weeks ago, however, they were all crawling over La Mesa, looking for stories related to a double-homicide on Parks Avenue.

Maybe the media ignored the Easties because they were conceived, organized and sponsored by this newspaper. After all, aren't we supposed to be locked in a dog-eat-dog competition to the death?

Newsrooms, ironically, scour each other's products for stories and then act like no one else exists!

Well, I guess we're just not big and snotty enough to worry about any of that. We sponsored the Easties because we are bullish on East County. Too many entertainment dollars leave this community, finding their way into the big bank accounts of overpaid actors and movie studios.

It's a shame we don't support our own economy by patronizing local live theater. Movie tickets are a form of economic erosion: the money leaves East County for Hollywood or New York. Meanwhile, local theater groups struggle just to get paint on the flats for their next show.

You should have been at the Easties! The crowd was amazing. Great looking people without the benefit of expensive surgeons and personal trainers, excited about the craft of acting and stage production. (No wonder all the big movie stars do live theater whenever they can fit it in!) Move over Madonna! Get thee behind me Sigourney. Liz Taylor *wishes* she still looked like Liz Taylor look-alike Louise Smith, nominated for Best Actress in a Musical.

The kids were great, too. Meet Whitney Pappas of "Annie" or Jaime Cohen and Melissa Chase of "The Wacky, Wild Days of the West." You'll forget all about that fear of the younger generation!

Next year, Eastie will be back, blindfold and all. We'll do it all better, pay closer attention to the categories and make sure the theater critics from the *Californian* and *Union-Tribune* make nominations as well. We'll get more ballots out. In the end, we won't fit into the Octad Playhouse or the Lamplighter Theater!

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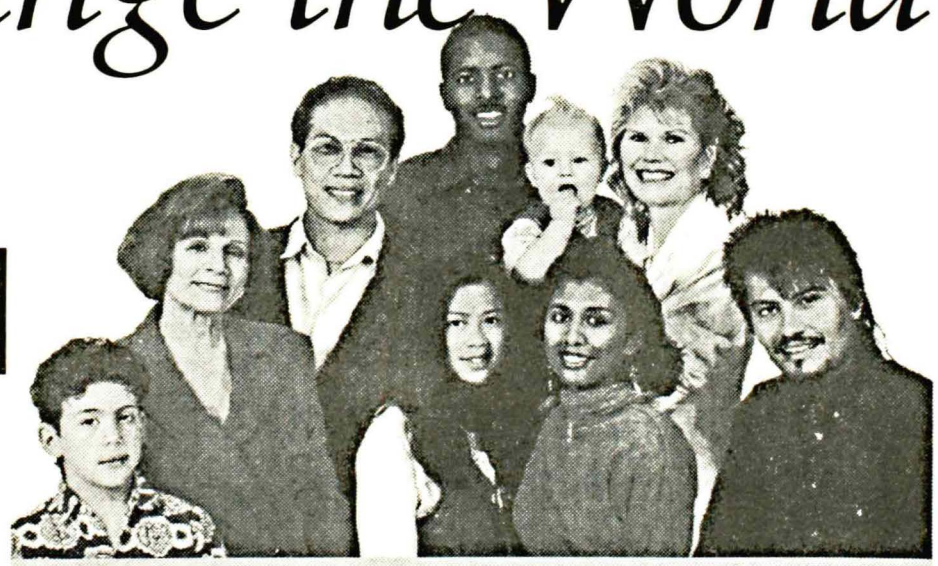

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Symphony performance set

The Grossmont Symphony Orchestra, Randall Tweed, music director, will perform a "Russian Concert," with guest artist/pianist Mary Barranger at 7 p.m. on March 29 at the East County Performing Arts Center, 210 E. Main St. in El Cajon.

General admission is $10; $8 for seniors, and $6 for students (children 12 and under are free when accompanied by paid adult admission). For further information, call 644-7255 or 440-2277.

Musical selections include Glinka's "Overture to Russlan und Ludmilla," Rachmanioff's "Variation on a Theme of Paganini," and Shostakovitch's "Symphony No. 5, Opus 47."

Tweed, has been conducting opera, symphony, and chorus throughout Southern and Baja California since joining the music faculty of Grossmont College in 1986.

Guest artist, Mary Barranger was the in-orchestra pianist for the San Diego Symphony from 1976 to 1996, principal pianist for the San Diego Chamber Orchestra since 1988, and was accompanist for the San Diego Master Chorale and the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions for many years.

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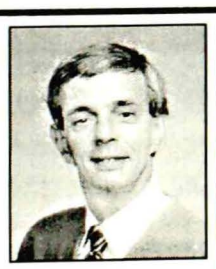

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Letter to the Editor

Jandura's error our gain

Mary Sessom told me a short time after she became mayor of Lemon Grove that "the Planning Commission, has been in the past and will continue to be now and in the future, a spring board to city council." I was incredulous, as I had lobbied heavily against this particular practice for years. I stated my misgivings and reasons for this opinion and attitude clearly. Sesson stated she could no longer be my friend *and* my mayor. She chose to be an enemy and mayor.

Currently, there are 3 former planning commissioners on the city council (Clabby, Shelley and Jandura). Jandura was head of the planning commission up until he was hand-picked to serve the rest of Mary Sessom's term in that seat. He was not elected, he was picked. Lets see, 8 years on the planning commission and 2 years on council to do what? If you look around Lemon Grove, do you see anything there well planned, or better stated, not mis-planned? The planning commission has never proved its worth to this city. The main reason is that there was always a separate privy council of 4 people who made all the developement and building decisions based on what they wanted rather than what the people wanted. This privy council was known as the "Design Review Committee." It was kept a secret for a long and, when discovered, made light of. It was and probably still is made up of the (non-resident) city manager ,the community planning director, the city treasurer, and the city engineer. The Design Review Committee stated that their job was to "exercise discretionary oversight" on developement process. I guess over and above city council, planning commission and *we the people*. I personally have a large problem with non-resident personnel (hired help) making decisions of import to this city when they have no tangible loyalty to this city. It goes without saying that I have no confidence in a city council that allows these people to dictate over us, has no confidence in a so-called planning commission that only rolls over for the insane growth mandates of SANDAG and Sacramento, a planning commission which continues to laud the sham, General Plan Update (which totally excluded any housing element study), and contains nothing which could be regarded as specific, as in quality control.

Look, the planning commission is bunk. Santee had one just like Lemon Grove's; they eliminated it because of its negative effects. Furthermore, boosting these same people up to city council has only served to compound the problems. Thats three-fifths of this council still covering their butts from the old days on the planning commission! Any and all groups supporting insane, exploitative 52-percent growth mandates for California via the general plan "updates" is corrupt and bunko. The mechanisms being used everywhere are general plan updates, high-priced consultant firms, non-resident city manager facilitators, planning commissions, GFAC Committees, all doing one thing: selling you out! Who to? Well, to big box boys, to fast foods, to gridlock traffic jams and smog. They use terms like STA'S and CIP's, to accomplish buildout in our transportation corridors. Even if buildout leads to water rationing (O.K. by SANDAG). The Lemon Grove Planning (or MIS-Planning) Commission continues to cover its tracks by running for city council seats. The voter can stop this on June 2. Vote no-confidence for any lawyers OR former planning commissioners, wanting to sit on our city council. Give the City of Lemon Grove a gift of hope in one last chance to save it from these greedheads. Vote Moore, Lake and Whitmore. If Dick Whitmore was Mayor, I bet Lemon Grove would never have lost that huge beauty of a laurel tree in Firemans Park, which was butchered and eliminated, probably to make way for the 48 single-family dwellings per acre they sneaked by you all on the GPAC. Or maybe it was for a big, new, shiny city hall civic center that we do not need! Wake up Lemon Grove!

In closing, I'll say a few more things about Mr. Jandura. I will not miss him for one moment. He ran his tenure as head of planning commission like a Nazi truant officer. He's never bothered to go into the field and see real issues. He championed one issue only while on city council - the law library - like that's a real issue. He was hand-picked for the council seat to do seconding for Sessom and Clabby motions and to vote against Lake. Stop these people with the vote. Stop them from continuing to do the bidding of Jim Dorman, Jack Shelver, Burns et al. nexus. Pull the leeches off Lemon Grove.

JAY COCHRANE
Lemon Grove

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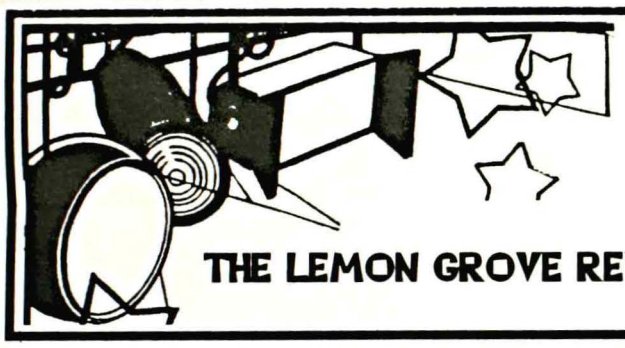

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